

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Oregon State FSA Office
Tualatin, Oregon 97062

OR NOTICE AO – 83

FOR: COUNTY OFFICES

Access to FSA Facilities by the Disabled

APPROVED BY: State Executive Director



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1 Overview

A Background

Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-480) requires that buildings and facilities be accessible if, since 1968, they were designed, built, or altered with certain Federal funds, or if they are leased for occupancy by Federal Agencies. The Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) provide the guidelines for architectural compliance with the act. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; Department of Agriculture Regulation 7 CFR, Parts 15.51 (b)(1) and 15(e); and FSA Handbook 18-AO, Part 4, Section 3, require that all offices be accessible to persons with disabilities.

B CED Action

CED's shall communicate the disabled accessibility deficiencies to their landlords and the legal requirements to be in compliance. If FSA doesn't have the lease the CED should contact the lead agency and work with them to help correct the problems. If the lease agreement does not require the landlord to correct a deficiency the CED should determine how much it will cost to correct the problem and send a report to Roger Tresham at the State Office. (Refer to STO May 2003 Staff Minutes).

CED's need to begin the process of correcting the accessibility problems or coming up with reasonable accommodations to correct the problems as soon as possible. CED's will have 90 days to address accessibility issues after you receive this AO notice.

Note: The STO is ordering Handicapped Symbol Braille/Tactile Signs for the front door of each Service Center. STO is also ordering the following for each Service Center:

- Women (female/handicapped accessible symbol) (Restroom)
- Men (male/handicapped accessible symbol) (Restroom)

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CED's shall review all newsletters, public meeting announcements, seminars or FSA-sponsored training announcements, or farm program orientation sessions, that the following reasonable accommodation statement is included. **“Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in this meeting/event/function should contact (person's name), (voice #), or (e-mail address) by (day, date)”**: 31-PM

C DD Action

DD's will review the FSA-830's for the last 3 years with the CED's and document that all corrective actions are completed and report completion to the SED.
